

TRIBUTE TO ST. JAMES  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 11, 1996*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor 150 years of development and growth. Over a century and a half ago the St. James Lutheran Church, the oldest Lutheran congregation in Fulton County, OH, was founded. Strong in heritage and faith, the church has served as a pillar in that community and continues to foster ideals and philosophy consistent with moral prosperity.

Their story began in 1837 when a group of family members known as the Leininger family, including at least four brothers and two sisters, came to the United States from France. Their journey across the Atlantic Ocean via sailboat led them to New Orleans, up the Mississippi, and eventually to German Township, what we know today as Fulton County, OH, settled on the western side of Ohio's Ninth District.

Nine years after settlement, the Leiningers were approached by Pastor John Adam Detzer who headed the effort in the northwest Ohio territory to settle German Lutherans. They received Pastor Detzer with great excitement and asked him to be their pastor. Despite an already full congregation throughout the territory, he agreed and began to preach, listen, and spread the good word.

It was from that humble beginning that St. James evolved. The St. James congregation has survived and grown into a cornerstone of the Fulton County community.

I know my colleagues join me today in recognizing the congregation of St. James Lutheran Church on the occasion of 150 years of dedication, devotion, and commitment to the spiritual and communal needs of the people of northwest Ohio.

A TRIBUTE TO RHONDA McCABE

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 11, 1996*

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues a story sent to me by one of my constituents which describes an act of selflessness that should serve as an example to us all.

We are all familiar with the parable of the Good Samaritan, but how many of us, in this day and time, are blessed with meeting one?

On October 18, 1994, Rhonda and Ed McCabe had met at the Three Flags Center in St. Charles, to take care of some personal business then went out to dinner. Upon returning to the parking lot to get their second car, out of the corner of her eye Rhonda noticed something moving. It was dark and rainy, making it difficult to tell if it was a couple of kids fighting, or perhaps a vicious crime happening. She had Ed pull the van around to see what was happening and if help was needed. A rain soaked man was collapsed on the ground over his briefcase and notebook computer, lying face down in a puddle. His legs were thrashing about as he appeared to be having convulsions.

Rhonda and Ed got out of their vehicle to give this man assistance. As they turned him over, Rhonda, being a very capable and well experienced nurse, recognized the severity of the situation and knew exactly what had to be done immediately to save this life. She sent Ed to get help and to call 911 from the only business that still had lights on, the Norwest Financial Company. John Lopes left his office and offered to help in anyway needed. Under Rhonda's calm and concise direction Ed and John assisted her in administering CPR. Accustomed to depending on God's guidance, she also talked to the Lord, as she directed the necessary steps of CPR until after the paramedics arrived. In a medical opinion, had no one helped this man when she did he may have died or suffered severe impairment. Rhonda's unselfish deed of giving help to a stranger in need, was more than using her training and nursing experience, it was an expression of service to God. She felt she was directed to be there to help save a life.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Mrs. McCabe for her act of courage and bravery. She truly is a fine example of a modern-day good Samaritan.

TRIBUTE TO PETER RATCHUK

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 11, 1996*

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to Mr. Peter Ratchuk.

A former student at Saint Francis High School in Athol Springs, in the 30th Congressional District of New York, Peter Ratchuk has distinguished himself among his peers as an athletic standout.

This past June, in recognition of his outstanding talent as scoring defenseman, Mr. Ratchuk was selected as the 25th pick by the 1995-96 Stanley Cup Champion Colorado Avalanche. In doing so, Peter became only the second western New York hockey player to be selected in the first round of the National Hockey League Draft.

Committed to Education and with an eye to a future in broadcasting, Peter Ratchuk will enter college at Bowling Green State University in Ohio before entering the National Hockey League with the Avalanche.

It is that maturity, commitment to hard work, personal strength, dedication to the sport of hockey, and mature ability to perform which will undoubtedly allow Peter to be successful in college, professional hockey, or whatever the future may hold.

Mr. Speaker, today I join with the Ratchuk family, St. Francis High School, the National Hockey League, and indeed, our entire western New York community to congratulate Peter Ratchuk in recognition of this outstanding accomplishment, and offer Peter my enthusiastic commendation and sincere best wishes.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 1996*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3675) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes:

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the work of the House Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee in crafting a fiscal year 1997 Appropriations Committee Report that includes a directive to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration [NHTSA] to more vigorously promote bicycle safety and training. The subcommittee's report included a specific mention of the important field of human factors research relating to bicycle safety measures. To this end, I wish to draw attention to the ground-breaking research underway at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA, in collaboration with the Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

As I stated in testimony before the House Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee in February, there are over 580,000 bicycle injuries each year in the United States. Of this amount there are approximately 800 fatalities and between 20,000 and 50,000 bicycle injuries serious enough to require hospitalization or rehabilitation. Children between the ages of 5 and 14 are the most common victims of bicycle injury head trauma since they spend a lot of time riding bicycles and often lack on-road bicycle experience. Greater efforts are necessary to insure that children are trained to be safe bicyclists and that the bicycles they ride are appropriate for their ages and abilities.

Safe operation of a bicycle arguably requires more skill, knowledge, physical ability, coordination, and judgment than the operation of a motor vehicle. Taking into consideration the multiple factors necessary for bicycling—motor skills, strength, coordination, vision, hearing, personality, intelligence, neurologic development, experience, and training—more extensive human factors research directed toward answering several key questions is needed: At what stage of development is a child able to perform the necessary tasks and make the proper judgments to safely operate a bicycle? What are the characteristics that differentiate safe from unsafe bicyclists? Can we train children to be safer bicyclists? Should bicycle designs vary depending on the skill and maturation of the child bicycle rider?

As the subcommittee noted in its fiscal year 1997 report, a recent national bicycling and walking study resulted in a recommendation to reduce the number of bicyclists and pedestrians killed or injured by 10 percent. I am pleased to say that the cooperative efforts of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and the Carnegie Mellon University will involve the use of state-of-the-art technology and will result in: First, effective prevention programs to reduce traumatic injuries and deaths; second, the introduction of virtual reality as a new means of